



# The Avalanche

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

## EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Interesting News Compilation.

### XLVIIIth Congress.

TUESDAY, April 29.—A resolution was introduced in the Senate directing the preparation of a bill to provide that hereafter no member shall be granted exemption to citizens of the United States. The Pleuro-Pneumonia bill was passed.

It provides for a Bureau of Animal Industry to investigate and report the condition of domestic animals and collect information relative to diseases among them. The Senate is to consist of a Commissioner, two agents and not over twenty assistants. In the House the Tariff bill was debated at great length.

WEDNESDAY, April 30.—The Shipping bill was considered in the Senate, arguments being made in favor of the entrance of ship-building material free of duty and the admission of American registry of ships abroad. In the House a joint resolution was passed authorizing the Secretary of War, on proper application, to loan tents and flags for soldiers' reunions and to grant commutation passes for industrial purposes. In Committee on the Whole on the Tariff bill several speeches were made.

THURSDAY, May 1.—In the Senate bills were favorably reported for a ship canal between Lake Union and Puget Sound, W. T., and to amend the act relating to the importation of spurious tea. The Shipping bill was discussed. In the House the Tariff bill was further considered, and a motion to close the debate on the 6th was adopted.

FRIDAY, May 2.—A resolution was adopted in the Senate calling for information as to what action had been taken in regard to entries of public lands in Colorado by English corporations. The Shipping bill was further discussed. Adjourned to the 5th. In the House the day was spent in discussing the Tariff bill.

### From Washington.

The death of Jack Cole, one of the sailors of the Jeannette expedition, who lost his reason through intense physical suffering, occurred a few days ago in the insane asylum.

The number of bills up to the 28th introduced in the House of Representatives during the present session was 6,558.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR on the 30th ult. selected Henry W. Cannon, of Maine, as the successor of John J. Knox, Comptroller of the Currency, and James A. Comerly, of Illinois, to be Solicitor of the Treasury.

On the 1st William Pitt Kellogg was acquitted of complicity in the Star Route case, for the reason that his reception of draft and a half sum, Price-enclosed, so long ago, is to be barred by the statute of limitations.

The public debt statement for April is as follows: Total debt (including interest), \$1,683,783,929. Cash in Treasury, \$50,753,925. Debt less amount in Treasury, \$1,632,030,000. Decrease during April, \$15,732,072. Decrease since June 1, 1882, \$57,680,773.

DURING the seven days ended on the 2d there were 151 failures in the United States, against 104 the previous seven days. In Canada the failures numbered twenty-one, an increase of four.

### The East.

In the New York Assembly recently a Constitutional amendment to prohibit the manufacture or sale of liquor was defeated by a vote of 63 to 67.

AT Pittsburgh, Pa., the invalid wife of Hon. Robert B. Catterson escaped from the house the other night, and wandering about the court side, stepped over the edge of a rocky embankment one hundred feet high and was instantly killed.

Three men lost their lives by the recent burning of the steamer *Almacon* of the International line, at Portland, Me. The vessel was worth \$100,000.

The Greenbacks of New York met in State Convention at Albany on the 20th ult. and elected delegates to the National Convention at Indianapolis. Resolutions adopting the National platform of 1880 were adopted, and instructions for General Butler for President were voted down.

NELSON DINGLEY, Jr., has been renominated for Congressman by the Republicans of the Second District of Maine, and the Fourth District has renominated Charles A. Boutelle.

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The failure of James R. Keene, the noted New York speculator, was announced on the 20th, and his liabilities were placed at \$2,000,000. It was the opinion of leading men that Keene would be able to meet all his contracts, and that his suspension was only temporary.

The Straight-out Greenbacks of Maine, held their State Convention on August 1st, on the 20th ult., and nominated W. F. Eaton for Governor. Delegates to the National Greenback Convention were chosen. A motion to instruct the delegates for Butler was defeated.

At the Wisconsin Republican State Convention at Madison on the 20th ult., an unopposed delegation to the National Convention was elected. The platform adopted, finally, endorses the Administration of President Arthur, and calls upon Congress to enact without delay a tariff for customs, the forfeiture of unearned railroad land grants; the retirement of National Bank money; declares the tariff injurious to the farmer and the laborer; and calls for the substitution of a Prohibition amendment to the State Constitution.

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At Presque Isle, Me., a fire a few days ago destroyed twenty-four buildings, including the post-office, the losses aggregating \$125,000.

ON the 1st the Greeley flagship *Thistle* sailed from New York for the Arctic regions.

DELEGATES were chosen at the Rhode Island Republican State Convention on the 1st to attend the National Convention who favored Edmunds and Lincoln. The platform adopted favors the Union.

THE Utah Republican Territorial Convention met at Salt Lake on the 1st and elected delegates to the National Convention favorable to Arthur; the Wyoming Convention convened at Evanston, and chose delegates instructed for Arthur, and the Washington Territory Convention met at Dayton and elected Blaine delegates.

W. T. Evans was nominated for Governor by the Maine Prohibitionists at their State Convention at Augusta on the 1st. Representatives to Congress were also nominated as follows: First District, Ammon F. Clark; Second, Reuben S. Hunt; Third, J. E. Ladd; Fourth, C. B. Besse.

At the opening of the Methodist General Conference, in Philadelphia on the 1st the convention was presented with a Bible used by John Wesley.

THE State Convention of the Pennsylvania Prohibitionists convened at Philadelphia on the 1st and elected delegates to the National Convention. James A. Black, of Lancaster, was nominated for Congressman-at-large.

In New England about half of the 8,000 cotton spindles have agreed to reduce production. The Lowell companies will shut down Saturday.

Forest fires were raging fiercely in the vicinity of the Catskill Mountains and on the highlands near New York City on the 2d, and the damage would be heavy. Near Wilkesbarre, Pa., the mountains were all ablaze, and at California eleven houses were burned. Two bridges on the Bear Creek branch of the Lehigh Valley Railroad were destroyed; also the stables of Albert Lewis & Co., and eleven horses perished. The Blue Mountain near Washington, N. J., were also on fire, and the destruction of timber would be very great.

AT Sterling Run, Pa., several buildings were destroyed, two families were reported lost, and it was feared that many lives would be sacrificed. Many towns were hattered by smoke, and the air was almost suffocating.

A PLATINUM was adopted at the session in Philadelphia on the 2d of the Pennsylvania Prohibitionists recommending the suppression of the liquor traffic, advocating temperance education, and in favor of women suffrage.

WHILE dancing at a leap-year party at Danvers, Mass., the other night Dr. Edgar Fowler dropped dead. He was thirty years old.

AT Buffalo on the 2d, a terrible gale prevailed, the wind blowing sixty miles an hour for some time. Great damage was done to shipping.

WEST and SOUTH.

THE country around Dallas, Tex., was flooded by a fierce rain-storm the other night, resulting in serious washouts on railroads. The volume of water emptying into Trinity River was so great that it changed its current, the river flowing up stream.

OVER one-half the cattle in Southern Utah are said to have died from starvation during the past winter.

KANSAS Republicans met in State Convention at Topeka on the 2d ult. and elected four delegates-at-large to the National Convention with preferences for Blaine. Resolutions were adopted endorsing President Arthur's Administration, and favoring such legislation as will afford labor just remuneration and make capital secure in investment. The State Convention nominated State officers will be held July 10.

DYNAMITE exploded a few mornings ago in a house at Ellettsville, Ind., killing William Williams and wounding thirteen other men.

IOWA Republicans met in State Convention at Des Moines on the 20th ult. and elected delegates to the National Convention who were unanimously for Blaine for President. A platform was adopted denouncing the present effort in Congress by the Democrats to reduce the tariff; demanding an improved navy; demanding pensions or lands for all honorably discharged soldiers of the late war; approving President Arthur's Administration, and endorsing James G. Blaine for President.

Two or the men concerned in the murder of Albert Woods near St. Albans, Vt., were captured at Brewster Hill, were taken rear-jail at that place on the 20th ult. by a mob and hanged.

THE National Greenback party of Michigan met in State Convention at Kalamazoo on the 20th ult. and elected delegates to the National Convention instructed for Butler for President. The platform adopted favors—making Treasury notes receivable for customs; the forfeiture of unearned railroad land grants; the retirement of National Bank money; declares the tariff injurious to the farmer and the laborer; and calls for the substitution of a Prohibition amendment to the State Constitution.

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ADVISES of the 2d from London say that everything was yet safe at Barbarton. Trade would be carried on with Mervyn's men in case Khartoum is taken. Greek merchants were in correspondence with the Mervyns with the view of the establishment of a port for the submission of a Prohibition amendment to the State Constitution.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

SALLING, HANSON & CO'S.

### PRICE LIST.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.	
DATA RIN. 2 white, per bushel, 49 cents.	
Mixed grain, per bushel, 49 cents.	
Wheat, No. 1, per bushel, 47.00.	
Straw, per ton, 12.00.	
Steam cooked feed, per ton, 30.00.	
Hay feed, per ton, 30.00.	
Hay feed, per bushel, 6.00.	
Hay four dollar value, per bushel, 7.50.	
Hay four dollar mille, per bushel, 8.00.	
Cattle meat, per bushel, 15.00.	
Extra meat, per bushel, 15.00.	
Extra meat, per barrel, 21.00.	
Butter, half pound, 32 cents.	
Butter, quarter pound, 16 cents.	
Breakfast bacon, per pound, 34 cents.	
Meat meat, per pound, 8 cents.	
Cheese, per pound, 16 cents.	
Extra meat, per pound, 16 cents.	
Dried beef, per pound, 25 cents.	
Meat meat, per pound, 16 cents.	
Cheese, butter, per pound, 32 cents.	
Fresh eggs, per dozen, 18 cents.	
O. G. Java, ground, per pound, 38 to 39 cents.	
Flint's Golden Rye, per pound, 25 cents.	
Flint's Anchored Rye, per pound, 25 cents.	
Teas, green, per pound, 25 cents.	
Teas, black, per pound, 25 cents.	
Sugar, Extra C. tier pound, 1.2 cents.	
Sugar, granulated, per pound, 9.12 cents.	
Sugar, granulated, per pound, 11 cents.	
Oil, water white, per gallon, 39 cents.	
Peat, 3, per pound, 1.00.	
Peat, green, per pound, 2.00.	
Syrup, maple, per gallon, 1.20.	
N. O. molasses, per gallon, 70 cents.	
Molasses, per gallon, 40 cents.	

Wheat, rye and clover are looking fine in this vicinity.

Farmers are exceedingly busy with their spring work.

The weather is all that can be desired.

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### ROLLER GRAIN DRILL.

Appreciating the needs of our farmers in the line of agricultural implements peculiarly suited to our soil, I have obtained the agency for the Roller Grain Drill, manufactured by Beckwith & Lee, of Dowagiac, Mich. I first proved my faith by purchasing one for use on my own farm, which can be seen there, or full description can be had at this office. I believe it to be just what we want for our loose soil, and far superior to the old-fashioned drill.

O. PALMER.

A lot of first-class agricultural implements—plows, cultivators and harrows—just received by W. A. Masters. Call and examine them, ye farmers.

A San Francisco woman begged hard to be allowed to marry a man who was to be hanged the next day. The sheriff was a tender hearted man and refused her request. He said, hanging was as severe a punishment as the wretch deserved, and one "roping in" was enough.

The Herald says it will require about 3,500 bushels of seed potatoes to plant Otsego county this spring, and allowing seven bushels per acre it will take 500 acres, and averaging the yield at 200 bushels per acre, it will thus be seen that the crop next fall will be about 100,000 bushels, which will not be far out of the way.

Some one says, "No thoroughly occupied man was ever miserable." That man evidently don't know what it is to attempt thefeat of keeping twin babies quiet while their mother goes to church.

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# REAL ESTATE

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### TIME-TABLE — MACKINAW DIV.

#### NORTH.

Math.	A. M.	Freight.
Bay City,	1.20	10.00
Pineywood	2.10	0.00
Alger	3.00	12.00
Alger Branch	3.00	10.40
St. Helens	4.10	5.45
Roseman	4.20	11.50
Grayling	4.20	0.00
GRAYLING, Arr.	4.15	12.05
Grayling, Dep.	4.35	0.00
Forest	4.35	10.40
Wander	4.35	11.25
Indian River	7.25	1.20
Choctawh	8.05	2.05
Macinaw City	8.05	1.00

#### SOUTH.

A. M.	A. M.
Huron City	4.25
Chesapeak	9.00
Indian River	9.45
Wander	10.20
Choctawh	10.20
Forest	11.30
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WEDNESDAY, May 17.—In the Senate a long debate took place on the bill for the establishment of a Bureau of Labor Statistics, but no action was taken. In the House resolutions were reported respecting Mr. McKinley, from the Eighteenth Ohio District, and Mr. Peeler from the Seventh Indiana District. A favorable report was made on a bill for a mint at St. Louis. The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was debated. A motion to abolish the office of Minister to Great Britain was defeated.

THURSDAY, May 18.—Mr. Cullom introduced a bill in the Senate to prevent speculation by officers of National banks. Mr. Morgan offered a resolution directing the Finance Committee to investigate the Northern bank suspensions in New York. A bill was passed to aid the New Orleans Exposition to the amount of \$1,000,000. Adjourned to the 19th. In the House the Diplomatic Appropriation bill was further debated and favorably reported to the House. The evening session was devoted to work on pension bills.

From Washington.

A FIRE at Leadville, Col., destroyed seventeen buildings a few mornings ago. A NEGRO named Bardy Grady, of Birmingham, County, Ga., was sentenced to life imprisonment for criminal assault upon white persons.

THE Republicans of the Twelfth Ohio District, under J. C. Thompson, are for Thompson for Congress.

On the 16th the extra session of the California Legislature adjourned sine die.

ALBRECHT MICHAEL GAYNOR, from the Ninth Ward of Chicago, was probably fatally shot in the head by James Dooley during a marriage-service. Related stories on the evening of the 13th.

Tom Hawx (colored) was almost cut to pieces at Unadilla, Ky., by drunken negroes early the other morning, who afterward ended their sufferings by killing him with a bullet.

John Forsythe and his wife, of Benton, Ark., were driving to the funeral of Mrs. Forsythe's brother, Hon. Alexander Russell, a few days ago, when a large tree fell on them, instantly killing Mrs. Forsythe and fatally injuring her husband, who died a few hours after the accident.

The eleventh annual session of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Honor of the United States began in Chicago on the 13th. The order has a membership of 120,000 in the country, and has paid out nearly \$6,000,000 in death benefits during the past two years.

The death of Cyrus H. McCormick, the inventor of the reaping-machine and one of the most notable men of this generation, occurred at his residence in Chicago on the morning of the 13th, in his eighty-ninth year. He was born in Virginia in 1790, and emigrated to the West in 1817. His estate was estimated at \$20,000,000, which devolved on his wife and five children.

For the first time in twenty-nine years of legislative service Senator McKinley, of Vermont, was absent from his seat in the Senate on the 13th.

A PROCLAMATION has been issued by President Arthur restoring to the public domain the lands set apart by an executive order as a reservation for the Jicarilla or Apache Indians in the northwestern part of New Mexico, embracing 307,900 acres.

This statement was made on the 13th that Senator Chapman, the millionaire, had lost every cent of his available resources through the failure of Grant, Ward & Co., of New York.

In the United States and Canada there were 222 failures during the seven days ended on the 13th, against 123 in the previous seven days, distributed as follows: Middle States, 32; New England, 32; Southern, 32; Western, 32; Pacific States and Territories, 26; Canada, 26.

GENERAL Butler said in an address on the 13th before the Senate Committee on Labor at Washington that the present labor difficulties were caused by over-production. "Americans," he said, "had a year's crop of grain on hand, and were with three-months of another crop. Nearly a year's crop of cotton was now stored in the warehouses."

The East.

SIX hundred or more leading business men of New York called on John Jacob Astor, R. H. Bristow, and others on the 13th to designate the time and place to express approval of the Administration of President Arthur, and voice their wish that he be reominated at Chicago.

A VENERABLE lawyer of New York, Charles O'Connor, passed quietly away on the 13th at Rantucket, Mass., in his eightieth year. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000.

The other day the roof of a tunnel under the Allegheny Mountains at Dexter's Gap caved in because of quicksand. Two men were killed and three others were fatally injured.

On the morning of the 13th the stock speculative dealing in New York opened in a disturbed condition, and soon after the Exchange began business rumors of failures created a panic, the following concerns closing their doors: Nelson Robinson & Co., Gaff and Randall, J. C. W. Gage & Co., bankers; H. C. Williams, Hatch & Fiske, Donald, Lawson & Simpson, Hotchkiss & Burnham, the Metropolitan Bank, and the Atlantic State Bank of Brooklyn. Prices suffered seriously, some shareholding the lowest figures for years. The Clearing-House Association adopted measures by which the banks were to stand by each other, and in a manner that restored confidence, values showing an improvement in the course of the day.

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THE PANIC AT THE EAST.

Many disastrous wrecks caused by a heavy gale at the Stock Exchange, several banks failing to observe their failure to panic-stricken speculators.—The Metropolitan Bank of New York and the Atlantic State Bank of Brooklyn close their doors.

NEW YORK, May 15.—The announcement yesterday morning that John C. Eno, President of the Second National Bank of New York, was a defaulter for nearly \$2,000,000 was sufficient to pave the way for a sanguine panic in Wall street. In the wild rush to sell securities prices opened from one to five points lower, and dropped at a frightful rate of speed. Within a few minutes the suspensions were announced on the Stock Exchange of Hatch & Fiske and O. M. Burt & Co., heavy banking houses, and of J. C. Williams, Gaff & Randall, and N. Robinson & Co., bankers. Next came the failure of the Metropolitan National Bank, with a capital of \$3,000,000, whose President is George J. Sney, the promoter of the Nickel Plate Road, whose losses in the Ohio Central and East Tennessee roads are believed to have been very heavy. A run commenced on the Second National Bank, where depositors upon found that James A. Trowbridge had been elected President, that the defalcation of J. C. Eno had been promptly paid up by his father, and that the bank examiner pronounced the institution sound. By noon every foot of room in Wall street for ten blocks was occupied by an excited crowd, among them being many ladies. Secretary Folger happened to be in New York and ordered the immediate payment of the last call for bonds, in the hope of easing the panic received his money. At 1:30 P.M. the monetary stringency produced by the panic current was considered so great that the stock exchange closed its doors.

THE Ancient Order of Hibernians held their National Convention at Cleveland on the 10th, and passed resolutions declaring fidelity to the free institutions of the United States, while unchanged in their love for their motherland, and declaring the organization entirely Roman Catholic in its tendencies.

IN Texas on the 16th heavy rains were greatly damaging the growing crops, and farmers were becoming uneasy.

THE death of General W. H. H. Terrell, Adjutant-General of Indiana during the war, and at one time Third Assistant Postmaster-General, occurred at Indianapolis a few days ago.

THE opening of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Saratoga, N. Y., on the 13th, was attended by two thousand persons. Dr. Hayes, of Denver, was chosen Moderator.

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WILLIAM T. DITCH, of Monroe County, Ill., a wealthy land-owner, and Mrs. Monroe Gray were shot dead by the latter's husband at Smith's Landing on the 16th. Mr. Gray discovered Ditch and Mrs. Gray under suspicious circumstances, and the shooting followed.

IN Southern Wisconsin first on the night of the 16th damaged fruits, vegetables and growing crops.

CHICAGO temperature workers met on the 16th in Farwell Hall to provide means for carrying on the crusade commenced by Francis Murphy. The announcement was made that over three thousand persons had already signed the pledge.

LARGE quantities of tin were recently

caused in Mason County, W. Va., causing much excitement.

AN entire block at Petersburgh, Ind., in which were a hotel, newspaper offices, dry goods stores, law and doctors' offices, was destroyed by fire a few days ago, causing a loss of about \$75,000.

AS Mrs. Folsom and Mrs. Lyon were returning from a wedding party the other day at Russellville, Ark., they were thrown from a wagon and killed.

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## AWAY FROM HOME.

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I've seen the Blue Mosque,  
And more "show places" and "fine views".  
I've been to London, Paris, Ghent, to Berlin,  
Florence, Rome.  
I've given one thousand dollars down to be out  
more at home.

"Sublimely grand" and "picturesque," but  
I'd rather see the level lands waving with Indian corn.

The prairies green and wide where feed in  
The vast, unpeopled, shady woods, sweet with  
the song of birds.

I'd rather see the little towns all built of  
solid pine.  
Each cottage in its garden plot, each porch  
bowed with flowers, each window spire  
dearer to me than the grandest cathedral that ever I  
shall see.

Among these splendid foreign streets there's  
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fortunate friends, who ran north over the  
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Occasionally, however, I did relax my  
vigilance, and sleep as sound as at the  
hotel where I boarded. Finally my  
turn came.

The train arrived at Tucson one night  
nearly as hour late. There was a great  
deal of express matter to exchange, and  
for fifteen minutes I was kept busy  
loading and unloading bundles and  
boxes. The passengers walked up and  
down the platform to stretch their legs,  
the engine's safety-valve hummed with  
escaping steam, and the long train of  
cars, reaching the full length of the  
platform, presented a picture of bustle  
and activity.

When the last bundle was piled away,  
I had a chance to talk a few minutes  
with the expressman; then the train  
started, and I closed the door, locked  
it, and turned to the boxes and pack-  
ages that were scattered around. The  
first thing that attracted my attention  
was a long pine box.

I had not noticed it when it was  
loaded, and thinking it was a queer  
time for a funeral to start East, I  
examined the address. It was consigned  
to New Orleans. I entered it on the  
book with the other express, and for an  
hour or more, while sorting over the  
packages, I took no notice of my silent  
companion.

It was a common thing to have one  
or two funerals the whole length of the  
trip eastward, and I thought of this as I

thought of others: "Some poor fellow  
who lost a pleasant home to come here  
in search of a fortune, only to die on  
the alkali plains without a friend."

And after I had slotted the box  
against the side of the car, I opened a  
bundle of newspapers and set red one  
to read. It was not very late, and tilting  
my chair against the side of the  
company's office at Los Angeles, I was soon  
interested in the news of the day.

How long I was in that position I do  
not know, but unconsciously I fell into  
a light sleep when I had finished reading  
the paper. I woke with a feeling of  
dread and fascination in complete pos-  
session of me. I did not move; I could  
not stir.

Something held me, almost  
breathless, and several minutes passed  
before I could open my eyes. When I  
did, my heart gave a quick throb!

The top of the pine box was partly  
raised, and the features of a man, shad-  
ed from the dim light, were revealed to  
my acute sense!

Even then, though greatly startled, I  
did not make a motion, and my eyes  
were all but closed. Peering from the  
corner of one eye, I tried to make out  
his features, but saw nothing beyond  
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In an instant it flashed across me that he  
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armed, we returned to where we had  
left the train. The robbers had de-  
parted, taking everything valuable with  
them, and the passengers hailed us  
with shouts of joy and sighs of relief.

The initials at the end of this do not  
belong to me, but to one who coolly lis-  
tened to my story, as I told it to him  
at the company's office at Los Angeles.

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

## A Talk About Cyclones.

Nothing on earth ever got the better  
of a cyclone. The convulsed wind never  
yet received a black eye.

It will wrap itself around a train go-  
ing fifty miles an hour; it will swallow  
a car-load of side blades or it will snap  
a mountain bald-headed.

It respected neither man nor  
the handiwork of man, and regarded  
neither race, color nor previous con-  
dition of servitude.

It has been known to leave untouched  
the household of the infidel and wife a  
whole colony of pious colored brethren  
from the face of the earth.

It comes where it pleases, and man  
must stand under.

Therefore it becomes man to get him  
out of his storm-pit when the low rumble  
of the approaching whirlwind first greet-  
s his paralyzed ears.

## HOW THE CYCLONE FORMS.

Nothing was made in vain. Not even  
a cyclone.

If a man's liver gets out of order he  
throws up bile. With nature as with  
man.

Diseases desperate grown,  
By deserts appear, relieved, or not  
at all.

When the condition of the atmosphere  
becomes abnormal, when nature  
restores the equilibrium. There is a  
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# THE AVALANCHE.

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## LOCAL ITEMS.

### SALLING, HANSON & CO.'S PRICE LIST.

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No. 2 white, per hundred weight, \$1.00.

White flour, per barrel, \$17.00.

Barley, per bushel, 15.00.

Steaks, round, 20.00.

May flour, roller patent, per barrel, 2.00.

May flour, roller patent, per barrel, 2.00.

Extra fine, per barrel, 2.00.

Breakfast bacon, per pound, 14 cents.

Blue bacon, per pound, 8 cents.

Black bacon, per pound, 10 cents.

Meat pork, per pound, 10 cents.

Bacon, ham, per pound, 10 cents.

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Clay, per pound, 10 cents.

Fresh eggs, per dozen, 10 cents.

Yolk, ground, per pound, 10 cents.

Flour, Golden fl., per pound, 10 cents.

Flour, Aragon fl., per pound, 10 cents.

Flour, White fl., per pound, 10 cents.

Sugar, yellow, per pound, 12 cents.

Sugar, Extra C, per pound, 12 cents.

Sugar, granulated, per pound, 12 cents.

Sugar, loaf, per pound, 10 cents.

Sugar, powdered, per pound, 10 cents.

Oil, wintergreen, per pound, 25 cents.

Bacon, ham, per pound, 10 cents.

Peas, green, per bushel, 20 cents.

String beans, per pound, 10 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, 20 cents.

Molasses, per gallon, 40 cents.

Subscribe for the AVALANCHE.

Plenty of rain during the past week.

The huckleberry crop promises to be very large this season.

The building boom is increasing every week.

Grayling is at last to have a grist mill. So mote it be.

The Crouch trials have been postponed to September.

A. J. Taylor Esq., of Gaylord, was down on Saturday last, to inspect Marvin Post G. A. R.

The body of the boy Murdoch, drowned at Curo last week, was found in Cass river below the dam.

Miss Frank Stewart of West Branch was the guest of Mrs. R. P. Forbes last Sunday.

Henry Hinkle of Farwell, has made an assignment. Assets and liabilities not yet known.

W. A. Masters, p. m., (which is postmaster,) has gone down the river, rustinating, and will be absent four or five days.

Charles Harder and his bride are already at home, having nicely fitted up his residence on Maple street, and been living in a very sensible way.

J. M. Flint was still fishing the other evening, and took in out of the water between one and two hundred pounds of fish, in less than two hours.

Notice the new railroad time table which went into effect last Sunday.

The night trains are now running, and are a great convenience to the traveling public.

The Grayling House is becoming popular among travelers and others who have occasion to patronize it. It is one of the best kept houses on the line of the M. C. R. R.

Barnum's white elephant is of the feminine sex according to its name, Tong Tong or Tongue Tongue, something that way; those foreigners are not good spellers.

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In a short time Rosemon people will know whether there be any truth in the report that they have bituminous coal. The man who first discovered it, found it would burn and told two friends. They were to keep it secret until they could purchase the land, but one revealed it.

The entertainment at the Opera House on last Tuesday night, by the Mammoth Minstrels was well attended, and the performance was considerably better than the average, except its broadness. We trust they will come again, and if they do so, it would be showing good taste to expense a portion of the performance, as it may have to shorten their programme.

H. C. McKinley, ye local of the Olds County Herald, was visiting old friends here last week, and made the AVALANCHE office a friendly call.

There will be services at the M. E. Church, next Sunday, at the usual hours, morning and evening. Sunday school at 12 o'clock, directly after morning services.

Mr. A. E. Neyman put down a drive well at his residence on Tuesday, and staked a vein of water at the depth of eighteen feet, which is punning, sparkling, and as cold as ice on the Fourth of July.

Messrs. Mitchell and Delton of Grayling have just completed the first wagon that was ever made in Crawford County, and are considerably elated over the fact. The wagon is first class and there is no reason why they should not supply the demand here, and we would advise all who propose purchasing to give them a call. We are in favor of home manufacturers and home manufacturers every time.

The Detroit Evening Journal will dedicate their new offices on Saturday next, and will print 40,000 copies of their three issues, for circulation in Detroit and throughout the state. It is the largest and best two cent paper published west of New York. To those who want a cheap, newswy paper we would advise to subscribe for it.

A. L. Piper of Detroit, representing the Detroit Casket Co., Standard Laces Works of New York city, and a Jackson Michigan Furniture Co., was in town for two or three days, and left on Tuesday morning for Cheboygan. He took a number of orders, and went fishing on —, caught a large string of fish, many of which would weigh four or five pounds. He says Grayling is a good point to fish, and the best place for business between Bay City and Mackinaw.

The poor fellow who is not certain of what he can do or what to do; not certain that the world wants him or his work, you will find, whatever his natural powers, in a back street or cheap boarding house, cursing his bad luck.

NINE-TENTHS of the quarrels in this life would be averted if we would never take the doubt against charity. Never accept an injury. Men who go about looking for men to kick them are seldom disappointed. Men who accept only the best interpretations of every act are sure to have always the best to interpret.

"I never cared to vote before this year," said Emma Abbott, "but this I wish women had the ballot and if I had a vote, it would be cast for Gen. Sherman. His a grand old man. The only thing they can say against him is that he's fond of kissing pretty girls. But who's the man that but I wouldn't even trust Mr. Tilden."

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

THE CENTRAL POINT FOR SUMMER RECREATION.

The world, menses, and every day.

new things are brought to the knowledge of mankind. Added proof of facts clears away doubt, and hope takes the place of fear.

The fact is undisputed that the clear

air of Northern Michigan, for invigorating power is not excelled by any

spot on the face of the globe, and this is especially true of Grayling and vicinity. Our climate gives entire freedom from all material troubles and every breath of our dry, bracing atmosphere is a gracious boon to sufferers from hay-fever, asthma or pulmonary troubles.

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